GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3388
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2003
ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIOSPHERE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided financial support for development of Biospheres in different parts of the country during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) if, so, the details thereof, State-wise and Biosphere -wise:

(c) whether the Government are considering to set up more number of such biospheres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are in Annexure.

(c) & (d) New Biosphere Reserves are declared as per the recommendations of the state governments and on the basis of floral and faunal bio-diversity of the region.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QEUSTION NO. 3388 TO BE ANSW ON 18.8.2003 REGARDING ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BIOSPHERE.

List of operational Biosphere Reserves in the country.

S.No.	Name of Biosphere Reserve	Date of Notification	States
1.	Nilgiri	01.08.1986	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala
2.	Nanda Devi	18.01.1988	Uttranchal
3.	Nokrek	01.09.1988	Meghalaya
4.	Great Nicobar	06.01.1989	Andaman and NIcobar Islands
5.	Gulf of Mannar	18.02.1989	Tamil Nadu
6.	Manas	14.03.1989	Assam
7.	Sunderbans	19.03.1989	West Bengal
8.	Similipal	21.06.1994	Orrissa

9. Dibru Saikhowa 28.07.1997 Assam

10. Dehang Debang 02.09.1998 Arunachal Pradesh

11. Pachmarhi 03.03.1999 Madhya Pradesh

12. Khangchendzonga 07.02.2000 Sikkim

13. Agasthyamalai 12.11.2001 Tamil Nadu and Kerala

Details of financial assistance to the Biosphere Reserves.

(Rs. Lakhs)

S.No	Name of Biosphere Reserve	Financial Assistance			
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04(so far)
1.	Nilgiri (Tamil Nadu Portion)	15.00	24.50	50.00	40.46
	Nilgiri (Karnataka Portion)	49.30	30.00	nil	35.86
	Nilgiri (Kerala Portion)	43.05	28.25	23.79	
2.	Nanda Devi	40.00	63.00	71.70	
3.	Nokrek	18.50	7.20	25.00	
4.	Great Nicobar	14.88	15.00	nil	
5.	Gulf of Mannar	12.00	02.91	06.00	
6.	Manas	21.50	nil	06.96	
7.	Sunderbans	26.00	46.82	50.00	37.83
8.	Similipal	34.00	14.52	50.00	31.90

9.	Dibru Saikhowa	35.00	14.35	15.00
10.	Dehang Debang	35.00	nil	nil	35.00
11.	Pachmarhi	35.40	35.00	50.00
12.	Khangchendzonga	24.50	37.90	42.23	25.90
13.	Agasthyamalai (Kerala)	nil	nil	12.00	38.00